

The existing Town Hall is becoming increasingly crowded at Town Meeting time. The voting booths in the room make the situation even worse.

The public safety division rules, using the Life Safety Code, rate the capacity at 170± (without the voting booths). With people standing in the exits, it is not a safe situation.

The difficulty in looking for a bigger space is that buildings cost just as much if it is used once per year than if it is used all year long. Septic requirements are similar; you have to design assuming the building is used to capacity on a constant basis.

As a result it will not be inexpensive to build a new meeting space.

Options explored:

- A. New Town Meeting Place (on a new site).
- B. New Town Meeting Place over a new Fire Station.
- C. Renovating the Rumney gym to make it more suitable for town meeting use.
- D. Permanent Bleacher Seating Addition (to create permanent seating for not only improving viewing and sight lines for town meeting, but for basketball games, theater productions, etc. An addition to the east was explored and estimated.)

Costs range from \$70,000 (to renovate the Rumney gym) to \$550,000 for a separate new Town Office .



PROGRAM OF SPACE NEEDS
 Middlesex Town Meeting Space

Date November 22, 2004

Town Hall				
Meeting Room	Too small as is - infrequent daytime meeting use. Capacity (Life Safety Code) $1200/7 = 171$ people - future capacity projected = 300		1,200	2,100
				300
				2,400 SF

RUMNEY GYM RENOVATION COST ESTIMATE

In order to allow for maximum number of "good" seats at town meeting, and to be able to use the gym for watching basketball and other events, an addition was explored.

Cost would be in the range of:
\$135,000-150,000

